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FOR DR BRZEZINSKI

FOLLOWING REPEAT BUDAPEST 3840 ACTION SECSTATE DATED NOV 03:

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SUBJECT: CROWN OF ST STEPHEN

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1. I MET WITH DEPUTY MINISTER NAGY AND AMBASSADOR BARTHA TODAY TO GO OVER FURTHER DETAILS OF THE RETURN SCENARIO. I DELIBERATELY ALLOWED NAGY TO TAKE THE LEAD SO THAT WE WOULD HAVE A HUNGARIAN INPUT INTO OUR PLANNING AT THIS STAGE. NAGY'S REMARKS WERE AS FOLLOWS:

A. U.S. DELEGATION: THE GOH, WHILE NOT PRESSING

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AWAITS WITH IMPATIENCE THE NAME OF OUR CHIEF DELEGATE. THE GOH IS READY TO PREPARE A SUITABLE PROGRAM FOR THE CHIEF DELEGATE AS WELL AS FOR THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION.

B. AIRPORT ARRIVAL: THE CROWN WILL ARRIVE BY U.S. MILITARY AIRCRAFT. SINCE THE OFFICIAL TRANSFER CEREMONY WILL TAKE PLACE AT PARLIAMENT, THE AIRPORT ARRIVAL WILL

BE A SIMPLE, DIGNIFIED CEREMONY. IN A FRANK AND FRIENDLY DISCUSSION OF WHAT THAT CEREMONY SHOULD BE I STRESSED THAT WE WILL LEAVE TO THE HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT THE QUESTION OF SATISFYING AND COMPLYING WITH HUNGARIAN TRADITION. AFTER DISCUSSION WE AGREED THAT THERE SHOULD BE A SMALL MILITARY GUARD FOR BOTH CEREMONIAL AND SECURITY REASONS. THE MEDIA SHOULD BE PRESENT TO REPORT THE ARRIVAL. THE U.S. DELEGATION WILL BE MET AT AN APPROPRIATE LEVEL AND THE TWO DELEGATIONS WILL WITNESS REMOVAL OF THE CASES FROM THE PLANE. THERE WILL BE NO SPEECHES. THE CASES WILL THEN BE TRANS-PORTED BY THE HUNGARIANS TO PARLIAMENT FOR THE TRANS-FER CEREMONY THE NEXT DAY. THE U.S. DELEGATION WILL GO DIRECTLY TO ITS HOTEL.

C. OFFICIAL TRANSFER ARRANGEMENTS: TO TAKE PLACE IN PARLIAMENT AT A TIME AND DATE TO BE FIXED LATER. THE HUNGARIAN DELEGATION WILL BE HEADED BY EITHER THE PRESIDENT OR THE VICE PRESIDENT. NAGY EXCLUDED ANY OTHER PROMINENT HUNGARIAN LEADER AS INAPPROPRIATE. THE OTHER PARTICIPANTS IN THE CEREMONY WILL INCLUDE THOSE DISCUSSED WITH AMBASSADOR BARTHA YESTERDAY.

AFTER DISCUSSING THE MATTER THOROUGHLY WE THOUGHT THAT THE U.S. DELEGATION CHIEF SHOULD DELIVER HIS ADDRESS; NEXT THE CROWN AND OTHER REGALIA, WHICH SHOULD  
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HAVE BEEN UNPACKED BY THEN, WOULD BE UNVEILED; THEN THE CHIEF HUNGARIAN DELEGATE WOULD REPLY.

AMERICAN, INTERNATIONAL, AND HUNGARIAN MEDIA WOULD BE PRESENT THROUGHOUT.

D. SECURITY: AN AMERICAN OFFICIAL OR OFFICIALS ARE WELCOME TO ACCOMPANY THE CROWN FROM THE AIRPORT TO PARLIAMENT AND TO BE PRESENT AT THEIR OPENING AND PREPARATION FOR DISPLAY.

E. RECEPTION: THE TRANSFER CEREMONY WOULD BE FOLLOWED BY A SMALL RECEPTION FOR THE U.S. DELEGATION.

F. JOINT COMMUNIQUE: NAGY APPROVED THE TEXT OF THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE AS TRANSMITTED IN PARA 3H OF STATE 255571 WITH ONE CHANGE. IN THE LAST SENTENCE NAGY WISHES TO INSERT AFTER THE PHRASE, "AT BUDAPEST FOR," AND BEFORE THE PHRASE, "HUNGARIANS EVERYWHERE," THE FOLLOWING WORDS: "THE POPULATION OF HUNGARY." NAGY SAID THAT THE GOH COULD ACCEDE TO OUR TIMING ON THE RELEASE OF THE COMMUNIQUE AND SUGGESTED EITHER 48 OR 72

HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE TRANSFER DATE.

2. I ASKED NAGY IF HIS ABOVE SUGGESTIONS ON TRANSFER DETAILS REPRESENTED THE OFFICIAL RESPONSE OF THE GOH. NAGY REPLIED THAT THEY COULD NOT BE TREATED AS OFFICIAL UNTIL THEY ARE APPROVED BY THE GOVERNMENTAL LEADERS PRESENTLY IN MOSCOW. WE CAN, HOWEVER, USE THEM IN OUR PLANNING. HE ADDED THAT, OF COURSE, THE ASSURANCES HE HAD GIVEN ME PREVIOUSLY (BUDAPEST 2916) AND EVERYTHING THAT FONMIN PUJA HAD SAID TO ME CONCERNING THE TRNSFER ARE OFFICIAL HUNGARIAN RESPONSES.

3. I INFORMED NAGY PER PARA 3 OF STATE 262649 THAT WE ARE BEGINNING CONSULTATIONS WITH KEY CONGRESSIONAL SECRET

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LEADERS. WHILE WE ARE CONDUCTING THESE CONSULTATIONS ON A CONFIDENTIAL BASIS, THE GOH SHOULD BE PREPARED IF THE INFORMATION BECOMES PUBLIC. I GAVE NAGY A COPY OF THE EMBASSY'S CONTINGENCY PRESS GUIDANCE, WHICH HE LIKED.

4. COMMENT: NAGY, AS WAS THE CASE WITH BOTH PUJA AND BARTHA, TOOK PAINS TO DEMONSTRATE THAT THE HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT IS WILLING TO COMPLY WITH ALL THE REQUIREMENTS WE HAVE STATED IN CONNECTION WITH THE RETURN CEREMONY AND THE PERMANENT PUBLIC DISPLAY OF THE CROWN IN BUDAPEST. IF THE DEPARTMENT HAS OTHER DETAILS IT WISHES TO WORK INTO THE RETURN SCENARIO, WE WOULD APPRECIATE THEIR EARLY RECEIPT. WE SHOULD EXPECT HUNGARIAN PLANNING TO PROGRESS RAPIDLY AT THIS STAGE.  
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